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ENGINEERING EXAMINATION CHOICES

The Tennessee Board of Architectural and Engineering Examiners utilizes the testing services provided by the National Council of Examiners for Engineering and Surveying (NCEES) in determining the acceptability of an applicant for registration in the State of Tennessee. NCEES offers several different exams in specialty areas such as Structural I and II, Controls, Environmental, etc., in addition to those which are directly related to basic academic programs (Civil, Electrical, Chemical, etc.). The choice of which exam an applicant will take on initial application for registration is usually made by the applicant, based on his/her academic background and area of competency, as determined by experience. The engineer members of the Board have exercised their authority under Tennessee Code Annotated, Sections 62-2-401(1) and (3) to require an applicant to take an examination other than his/her first choice if, in the opinion of the engineer members of the Board, the applicant's area of competency as demonstrated by experience was different from the chosen examination area based on academic background.

Because registration is based on education, experience and examination, the evaluation of an applicant's acceptability for licensure in Tennessee is also based on these three factors. As the State of Tennessee does not license professionals by discipline (civil, environmental, etc.), the Board closely examines what the applicant presents as his/her area of competency as determined by education and experience. The examination then becomes a verification of the applicant's competency to practice engineering in the State of Tennessee and the method by which the Board ensures the continued protection of the public.

The existing procedure for registration via comity will not be altered. Professionals registered in other jurisdictions who meet the requirements for registration in Tennessee will be licensed as presently practiced.

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